

22nd Sunday Reflection

Dear friends in Christ, as we begin this new month this Sunday, the church draws our attention to the necessity of the virtue of humility in our Christian life. This is very important as true humility is rare in this age of narcissism and self-idolatry. But what is humility? In its literary sense, humility is often thought to occur in the absence of pride. It is defined as the quality or condition of being humble, modest opinion or estimate of one's own importance, rank, position etc. As a word, it etymologically derived from the Latin word *humilis* meaning lowliness, which virtually comes from the Latin root word *humus* meaning the earth or soil. St Augustine sees humility as "the foundation of all the other virtues hence, in the soul in which this virtue does not exist, there cannot be any other virtue except in mere appearance".

The readings this Sunday lay much emphasis on true humility. The first reading points out clearly that the key to a successful fellowship with God and with others is humility. Thus, the preacher admonishes "My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord" (Sirach 3:17,18). Christ in the gospel reading, taught the people using a parable on the need to be humble as important virtue that uplifts, saves from humiliation and exalts thus "for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted" (Lk 14:11, Matt 23:12).

We need true humility and to have it, we must be ready to lower ourselves and imitate Christ, who humbled himself and took our human nature (Phil 2.). True humility exalts as it takes off the false glory of the world which is pride. Pride is nothing but an ostentation of deprivation, it is often a cover-up for insecurity. Humility brings openness and such openness is attractive and wins more favours. It gives a solidity and authenticity which opens us to divine blessings and riches for "blessed are the humble in heart for they shall inherit the earth" (Matt 5:5). There is no doubt about it, humility is the foundation of the entire spiritual life for without it, we will never advance in holiness. Yet, humility is not simply an abstraction to be admired, it is a virtue to be learned and practiced through the often painful circumstances of our daily life. Be humble, for God exalts the humble and humbles the proud. Have a great Sunday.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ST MARY'S CONFERENCE

Welcome everyone. If you know anyone in need of food or families in need, Please contact us or tell the person to ask for food parcel from the Chapel house. We also appeal to parishioners to assist us.



Legacies: when making your Will have you thought of leaving a legacy to the Parish or diocese?

Gift Aid: If you pay tax as for a Gift Aid form and your one-off signature we get an extra 25%

For the attention of all Church Volunteers with PVG Certificates or pending PVG Certificates: volunteers doing or planning to do regulated work with children and vulnerable adults or both, should complete the Safeguarding Training, **Induction Part 1**. The next sessions will be held in the Diocesan offices, Ince Street, Paisley on: **Tuesday 24th September at 7pm, Monday 11th November at 10.30am** Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk or **0141 847 6138** to register

For Participants Krakow 2019 : We have a group meeting on **Monday 2nd September 2019 at 7pm in the Chaplaincy Center, 45 High Street, Paisley**. It's really important you try to attend. Please remember that your final balance should be paid on or prior to Monday evening. This is our last planned meeting before we go to Krakow. If you can't attend the meeting please let Fr. John know as soon as possible atvocations@rcdop.org.uk.

Project Gambia are hosting a Winter Ball on Saturday, 23rd November in Dalziel Park Hotel, Motherwell to raise funds for St. John's School for the Deaf - with Bishop John as Guest of Honour. contact Aidan on 07713684816 or aidan.curivan@project-gambia.org.

Annual Vocations Mass: This year our annual Diocesan Vocations Mass will take place on **Tuesday 10th September at 7pm in St. Mirin's Cathedral**. Please come along and pray for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Consecrated Life in our Diocese. Refreshments will be available in the Cathedral halls after Mass. All welcome.



ST MARY'S PARISH PAISLEY

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1st September 2019

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Parish Mass & Prayer Times

Rosary & Morning Prayer: 9:10 before 9:30am Mass

Weekday Mass: 9:30am daily (except Wednesday)

Wednesday Evening Mass: 7pm

Exposition: Tuesday & Thursday 9am

Saturday 9:00am after 9:30am Mass

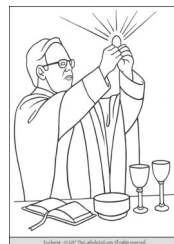
Divine Mercy Devotion: Friday after Mass

Sunday Masses: 4:30pm (Saturday Vigil)
10:30am Mass & Children's Liturgy

Confessions: Saturday 10:00am - 10:30am & 4 - 4:30pm

Baptism: Arrange with the priest

Marriage: Give at least six months notice (see Fr Jude)



SUNDAY HOLY MASS

FIRST READING: Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20,28-29

Psalm Response: "In your goodness, O God, You prepared a home for the poor"

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

GOSPEL READING: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Mass Book: YEAR C Part:2 Page: 64

PARISH NOTICE

Parish Quiz: will hold on Friday 20th September 2019. there will be Team of 6, children of 9 years and older can come accompanied by an adult. BYOB and nibbles. Fun Quiz, Games, riddles and raffle. Entrance £3, Children Free

RCIA Program: those who registered will have a meeting on Tuesday 17th September at 7pm in the Sacristy. Please contact Alan Wright for more information.

Appeal for Our Parish Summer Project: We welcome your kind donations of Paints, Painting Tools or Money. We need more volunteers to support the work force.

ROAR Maxwellton @ St Mary's: The Parish in conjunction with Roar -Connections for life are hoping to start a club for adults of 65 years +(ish) with some good exercise routines and a bit of a blether. An Open Day will hold on Tuesday 17th September at 10:30am in the Church Hall. This is for Parishioners and older people in the area. See Posters and leaflets for detail. Come along on the 17th September.

Sick List and Visits to the Sick: a new sick list will be out this Sunday. If you have any name to add, please speak to Fr Jude.

Special Thanks: to Louise Robertson for donating £500 to the Parish which will help towards the purchase of the new Altar Servers' robes. Another donation of £1000 received from a donor who wish to remain anonymous given for our Parish projects. We are grateful to them for these great acts of kindness.

PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit of St Theresa of Lisieux relics 14-16th September

Parish Quiz Night 20th September 2019

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

Last Week's Collections

Thanks for last week's Offertory collections: Gift Aid: £352.50, Non Gift Aid £291.60 = £572.10

Building Fund: Gift Aid: £44.00, Non Gift Aid: £162.66 = £206. **Grand Total £778.76**

Charity Quiz Night: There will be a Charity Quiz Night in aid of The Beatson at 7.30pm on Monday, 2nd September in St Mary's Church Hall, Newton Street, Paisley. Entrance is £3.00 each and there will be a raffle. BYOB and nibbles. All welcome.

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200 Club Draw Winners:

Helen McLarn £50
Anne Donnelly £25
Kevin Browne £25

Special Collection 7th/8th September: There will be a second collection next weekend for Pro-Life. The money collected is sent to SPUC to support their very important and good work.

Knights of St. Columba: Centenary Recruitment Drive. 'Serving God by Serving Others'. If you are over 16 and a practicing catholic and want to join and organisation to promote the Catholic faith and help others, please contact - John O'Donnell

The relics of St Therese of Lisieux will arrive in the Diocese in two weeks. Our Novena to her commences on **Thursday 5th September.** The basic Itinerary is: **Saturday 14th September** 5.30pm Reception and Vigil Mass St Mary's, Greenock followed by private and parish visits. **Sunday 15th September** 12am-5am- All-night Vigil, 9.30am Mass and departure for St Mirin's Cathedral. 12noon Mass at Cathedral. Polish Mass 2.30pm. 5.00pm Evening Prayer and Benediction. Parish and private visits between liturgies. **Monday 16th September** 12am-6am All-night Vigil followed by masses. Mass at 12noon - open to all, followed by our farewell to the relics. See leaflets and Paisley Diocese website for more details. Both churches will be open at all times while the relics are present.

Vacancy with Aid to the Church in Need: Area Secretary for Galloway, Paisley & Glasgow. Aid to the Church in Need is a Catholic charity helping to bring Christ to the world through prayer, information and action; the charity is a Pontifical Foundation of the Catholic Church. The role of an Area Secretary is to present the work of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) in the area to which he or she is appointed. He or she will work in a specific area of the Diocese(s) / Area(s) with the permission of the Bishop(s) concerned. Those interested in applying should visit our website here: <https://acnuk.org/about/jobs-and-volunteering/area-secretary-for-galloway-paisley-glasgow/closing-date-for-applications>: 22nd September 2019.

Vacancy with SCES: Admin Assistant (Part-Time). TERM TIME (40 weeks per annum - 12 hours per week) Salary £10.50 per hour. Located in the East End of Glasgow, the Scottish Catholic Education Service is currently looking to recruit a part time administrative assistant. The purpose of the role will be to provide secretarial and administrative support that is comprehensive, confidential and professional. To obtain an application pack for this post please either email recruitment@bcos.org.uk or write to, Recruit-

National Youth Pilgrimage: The Diocese of Paisley is participating in the National Youth Pilgrimage to St. Andrew's on Saturday 31st August. Places are open to anyone in the present p7, s2 or s2. The bus will leave St. Mirin's Cathedral at 9.30am and return at approximately 7.30pm. Pack lunch and snacks will be provided. To book a place on the bus please contact Fr. John Morrison on 01418895056 or e-mail vocations@rcdop.org.uk. All participants are required to complete a consent form this can be obtained from your Parish Priest or from Fr. Morrison.

Missio Scotland: Friends of Missio Ball' on Saturday 16th November at the Hilton hotel Bellshill all seated for 7:30pm. Tickets are £40 per person with tables of ten also available. This includes a gift upon arrival, a 3 course meal and live band. There are also some fantastic raffle prizes and an auction on the night. All proceeds will go towards schools projects in Uganda and Sierra Leone.

Safeguarding Training, Induction Part 2: The new Safeguarding Part 2 Training session, is for volunteers who have previously attended Safeguarding Training Part One, or Safeguarding Training Level one, more than 18 months ago. If you attended Safeguarding Training Level One in 2016 or 2017, you should put your name forward for Safeguarding Training Part 2. Sessions are available on **Thursday 5th Sept at 7pm, St. Mary's, Greenock, Monday 9th Sept at 7pm St. Ninian's, Gourock, Tuesday 10th Sept at 7pm St. Patrick's, Greenock, Wednesday 11th Sept at 7pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Bishopton, Thursday 19th Sept at 7pm St. Mirin's, Paisley, Tuesday 22nd Oct at 7pm St. Thomas', Neilston, Monday 28th Oct at 7pm St. Conval's, Linwood, Tuesday 29th October at 7pm St. John's, Barrhead, Thursday 7th November at 10.3am St. Mirin's, Paisley, Tuesday 12th Nov at 7pm St. Joseph's, Clarkston.** Please contact Sarah Jane at the Diocesan Safeguarding office safeguardingadmin@rcdop.org.uk or **0141 847 6138** to register.

As a parish Community we pray especially for

Those who are sick

Agnes Cattigan Ben Chamness Allison O'Kane Christine McAllister
John Allison Russell Smith Sarah Jessiman Sarah McCann
Martin Rogers John Kerr Margaret Moses Shambira
Noel & Winifred Kidd

Those who are recently deceased

Chimsom Emeanulu Thomas Nelson Margaret Shearer
Debbie McLure Robert Graham Gerry Campbell

Those whose anniversaries occur

Roseann Harkins Kevin Morgan James Craig
Charles & Elizabeth Scott James Scott
Adrian McDermott John Armstrong Robert Lynch
William J. McCaul (Bill McCaul)